

In October

TASK OF THE MONTH

Be heat wise

Reduce your heating bills:

Do a home energy self-assessment to



find ways to reduce waste and improve your comfort;

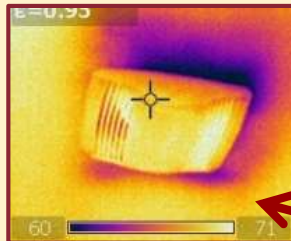
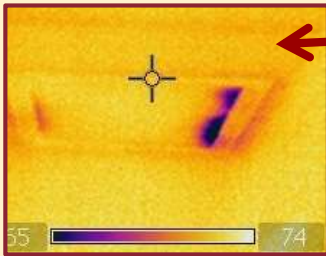
<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/home-energy-assessments>

Air leaks can be like leaving a window open all the time;

Fill or cover gaps with caulk, expanding foam, or rigid insulation board;

Have hard-to-find leaks?

Thermal cameras can show where air is leaking in or out;



Ask to borrow a thermal camera from GSTF:
zero@gstf@uubloomington.org

Insert an inflatable draft stopper in your fireplace;

<https://www.batticdoor.com/product-tag/fireplace-plugs/>



Try gradually lowering your thermostat when home

Start with a 1°F change, take time to adjust, then try a 2nd degree lower, and even lower for sleep;



Adding insulating cellular shades on windows makes a noticeable difference

Where to look for leaks?

- Door and window frames;
- Electrical, gas service, cable TV and phone line entrances;
- Baseboards;
- Around wall or window air conditioners;
- Where dryer vents pass through exterior walls;
- Vents and fans;
- Attic hatches;
- Fireplace dampers;
- Electrical outlets;
- Switch plates;

Foam switch plate and outlet inserts are effective and easy to install;



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